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### Highways Connecting Yambol, Elkhovo, and Burgas

1. The main highway from Elkhovo to Burgas passes through Mamarchevo (N 42-07, E 26-47) and Bolyarovo (N 42-09, E 26-48). It is six to eight meters wide, has drainage ditches on both sides, has a gravel surface about 25 centimeters deep which has been rolled, and is open to year-round traffic. From Mamarchevo, a branch of the highway continues on to Voden (N 42-05, E 26-53) and the Turkish frontier. East of Bolyarovo the main Elkhovo-Burgas highway crosses the highway which comes directly from Yambol through Kamen Vrúkh (N 42-06, E 26-47), Stefan Karadzhevo (N 42-13, E 26-49), Ruzhitsa (N 42-09, E 26-52), and Vúlchi Izvor (N 42-08, E 26-53) to Momina Tsúrkva (N 42-09, E 27-01). There is also a side road leading to Razdel (N 42-04, E 26-38), which branches off the Elkhovo-Burgas highway between Elkhovo and Dobrich.
2. The bridges on the Elkhovo-Burgas highway are as follows:
  - a. Wooden bridge 200 meters east of Dobrich (N 42-01, E 25-30), about 40 meters long and six to eight meters wide;
  - b. Reinforced concrete bridge constructed on four piers, located west of Bolyarovo; this bridge is about 50 to 60 meters long and six to eight meters wide; and

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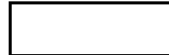
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- c. Reinforced concrete bridge constructed on two piers, located one or one and one-half kilometers east of Bolyarovo; this bridge is 20 to 25 meters long and six to eight meters wide.
3. On the side road leading to Razdel, there is a wooden bridge located about three kilometers south of the Elkhovo-Burgas highway. This bridge is 30 meters long and six to eight meters wide.
4. On the Yambol-Stefan Karadzhovo-Momina Tsirkva highway there is a bridge constructed on two wooden and two reinforced concrete piers, located about 25 meters north of the point where the highway crosses the Elkhovo-Burgas highway.
5.  all the bridges mentioned above have dynamite charges planted at both sides of both ends of the bridges in holes 1.5 to five meters deep and 50 centimeters square which have been covered with concrete and earth. The charges were planted by Trudovaks and informant heard that they would be used to blow up the bridges in case of war. While the charges were being placed, no local inhabitants were allowed to approach the bridges.<sup>1</sup>
6. As of August 1953, Trudovaks were constructing a road between Kamen Vruk and Dennitsa (N 42-16, E 26-51), not presently connected by road with any other village. This road will be about seven kilometers long and is to be completed "very soon."
7. There is no bus service on the Elkhovo-Burgas highway, at least not as far as Bolyarovo. However, there is a bus on the Yambol-Momina Tsirkva highway as far as Vulchi Izvor. This bus leaves Yambol every day at 4:00 p.m. and arrives in Vulchi Izvor at 7:00 p.m.; it presumably runs from Vulchi Izvor to Yambol in the morning, but informant did not know the exact schedule. The first document check is made by Militia personnel at Stefan Karadzhovo, and an Otkrit List is required for that village and all points farther south. Documents are checked again at Ruzhitsa and Vulchi Izvor.

#### Rail Connections to Gabrovo

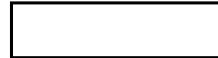
8. A short, standard-gauge, single-track line in good condition connects Gabrovo with Tsareva Livada (now Vurbanovo), a railroad station on the Gorna Oryakhovitsa-Stara Zagora rail line. A 3-pier concrete bridge about 50 or 60 meters long is located about 500 meters east of the Gabrovo station, where the line crosses the Yantra River.
9. A spur is being constructed from this line to an area in northern Gabrovo to which, according to a new city plan of Gabrovo, all of the Gabrovo tanneries are to be moved in the near future.<sup>2</sup> This spur will cross the Yantra River over a new bridge which has been constructed within a meter of the old bridge. Both bridges are guarded at night by Party members who are residents of Padalo Quarter of Gabrovo, where the bridge is located.<sup>3</sup>
10. There are three tunnels on the line between Gabrovo and Tsareva Livada, as follows:
  - a. One between Plachkovtsi (N 42-49, E 25-26) and Kmetovtsi (N 42-54, E 25-30), length unknown, which takes two or three minutes for trains to pass through; and
  - b. Two, both shorter than the preceding one, between Kmetovtsi and Tsareva Livada.

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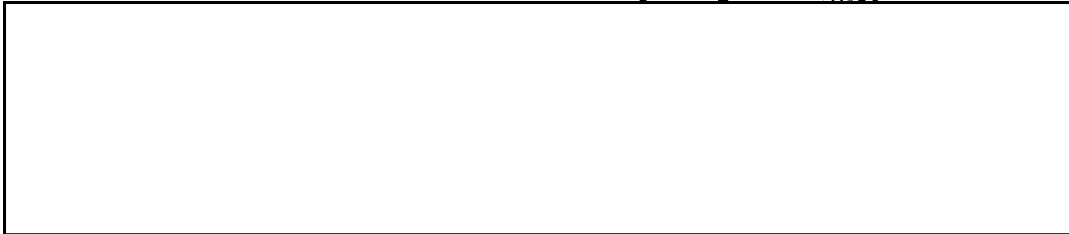


11. Four mixed passenger and freight trains run each day between Gabrovo and Tsareva Livada where they make connections with trains from Gorna Oryakhovitsa and Stara Zagora. The trains leave Gabrovo at 3:00 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 5:45 p.m., and 11:00 p.m. Informant did not know the hours at which they return.

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1.  Comment:  may refer to the preparation of receptacles for demolition charges rather than to the actual placing of charges.

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